# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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COMMON NUCLEAR DOCTRINE AMONG INDIA, CHINA AND PAKISTAN
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the government has formulated a Common Nuclear Doctrine between India, China and Pakistan to bring peace and stability in the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any discussion was held with these countries in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which this initiative is likely to strengthen the cooperation among these countries?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)-(e) No discussions have been held or proposals made so far with the Governments of China and/or Pakistan specifically addressing the idea of a common nuclear doctrine. Pakistani official spokesman described the idea as contained in EAM`s media statement of 1 June 2004 `innovative` and requiring `further and deeper examination`. China, in response to a query, reiterated its position on `complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons`.